(b) if so, whether all the formalities of this merger have been completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Regulatory mechanism for Airport

1236. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of regulatory mechanism for airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) In the context of possible privatisation of airports in the country, the Government has received a suggestion to create a regulatory framework for airports independent of DGCA. No concrete decision has so far been taken.

Aircrafts with IA/AI

1237. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts which are in possession of the Indian Airlines and Air India indicating the number of aged aircrafts being used for lifting of air passengers by each Airline till date;

(b) whether old aircrafts used by IA on its subsidiaries are as per the international standards; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to abandon old/aged aircrafts considering the safety factor of passengers travelling by such planes and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The fleet of Air India consists of 26 aircraft with average age of 13.6 years.

The fleet of Indian Airlines/Alliance Air consists of 54 aircraft with average age of 12.8 years.